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Washington, D. C. To-NIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.

HARRIS' BIJOU TREATRE-"My Partner. NATIONAL THEATRE-NAT Goodwin in "A ALRAUGI'S OPERA HOUSE-J. K. Emmet in "Fritz in a Madhouse,"
KERNAN'S THEATRE-"The Night Owls." Grony-Variety

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST. r the District of Columbia and Mary land, warmer; fair weather; variable winds. For Virginia, warmer; variable winds; fair

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 13, 1890.

"As Speaker I cannot express an opinion about the Louisiana Lottery,' says Speaker Reed. Is it so set down in the House rules?

THE GREATNESS OF truly great men usually demonstrates itself in the sharp, epigrammatic speeches they utter at important moments. Speaker Reed, for example, says: "Please don't say you asked me."

THE POOR INDIANS at the Devil's Lake Agency are having a hard winter. First the grip caught them, then their food supply failed them and now they are dving of Governmental red tape. It looks as if the proprietor of that lake were after them.

STATE SENATOR McDonald of New Jersey says, if it is proved that he was elected by fraud, he will resign. Senstor McDonald must have heard of the darkey who said that, if he was convicted of having stolen the turkey, he would give it right straight back without making any trouble whatever about it.

THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE has con cluded not to pass the bill to punish petty offenders by the use of the lash. Indeed, the Virginia people seem to be convinced that the lash has no place anywhere in modern institutions. If any body doubts this let him sit down and talk the matter over, confidentially with that very entertaining little gentleman, William Mahone,

ON THE 4TH OF this month, Mr. R. S. Lucey of this city said through THE Curric that "any movement looking toward the deportation of the negro from the South would meet with general resistance on the part of the whites." In view of the information which comes from Raleigh to the effect that planters are holding meetings and expressing indignation at the labor agents who are sending negroes from that section to other parts of the South, it appears that Mr. Lacey knew what he was talking about.

THE LOTTERY MUST GO. It is gratifying to The CRITIC to know that it is going to have the active co-operation of a large number of Congressmen in its effort to rid Washington and the rest of the country of that Louislana Lottery.

A few feeble efforts in this direction have been made in the past, but by hook or crook, or by reason of the fatigable character of its opponents' virtue, the lottery company has always come out triumphant. True, every such spasm of public virtue has cost the New Orleans gambiers a considerable sum of money, but they have so many victims and make money by so simple a twist of the wrist that a few thousands spent here and there, legitimately or illegitimately, do not seriously interfere with the game. Indeed, it is not impossible that these unsuccessful efforts have strengthened the lottery company's position and made the present situation all the more difficult for THE CRITIC and its co-workers. But that argues only that there is the more need for making a persistent and uncompromising effort now. When a Washington agent of such a gang as this feels so sure of his ground as to say that Congress dare not attack the lottery in earnest, the time has come for just such earnest attack.

THE CRITIC publishes death notices free of charge. It will make no exception in the case of the Louisiana Lot-

A FALLIBLE JUDGMENT. In 1888 William Hicks of Philadel phia made a will in which he said: 'After my debts are paid my property shall be equally divided between my wife, Martha R. Hicks, and my daughters, Ida Bell and Ella Billmayer. When the will came to be probated the attorney for the widow made the point that the word between meant that the widow should receive half of the propcrty and the daughters equal shares of the other half, but Judge Hanna held that "it is plain the testator meant to divide the estate equally between and not among the heirs, and that by the word 'between,' each of the heirs is entitled to one-third." Judge Hanna is manifestly wrong. If the word between was written by a scholar with consciousness of its exact signification the intention was plainly that the wife should have one-half of the property. Nothing can be divided between three persons, the word between meaning by twain, or divided by two. In this case the wife constituted one party and the two daughters the other. If Judge Hanna is going to put fine verbal points

present a dictionary to him. ONE GAME PLAYED OUT It is said to have been the practice of the Louisiana gamblers in days gone by to have one or more of their tools in Congress introduce bills in opposition to the lottery. This, of course, was done to hoodwink honest Congressmen and to deter them from pressing similar bills of their own; and since the author of a bill has more power to kill it than

no danger to the company in such a cotillion and that Mr. Astor became so proceeding.

That was a very smooth little game, but the distinguished fakirs who preside over the New Orleans chuck-a-luck board will have to find a newer and a better scheme for their use and benefit this winter. THE CHETTE is going to be dreadfully in the way of these distinguished gamesters, and bills of this character are not going to slumber long at a time without being shaken into ac-

The Washington City Postoffice building might, if it were thoroughly renovated, do for a second-class livery stable, but as a postoffice building it would be pronounced a failure in

THE POSTOFFICE BUILDING.

Snickersville. To read Postmaster Ross' report, as published in THE Curric yesterday, and then take a look into the shabby old rattletrap where that enormous volume of business is transacted, is enough to make an American citizen shake his fist at Uncle

For years Congress has been puttering over the question of creeting a suitable building for this work, but it seems to be no nearer the end than it was when it began. The trouble is that every bill which is passed by one branch contains provision for a definite site and brings down upon it in the other branch the opposition of site owners in every other part of the city. There is no hope that such a bill will ever pass both the Senate and the House. Meantime the old ramshackle shapty is dropping more and more into decay, while the business of the office is rapidly increasing and the necessity for more convenient and commodious quarters is becoming more and more nanifest.

It is clear that Washington will never have a suitable postoffice building until Congress passes a bill providing for the appointment of a commission to determine on the site. There could be no opposition to such a bill and, its passage being insured, that is the kind of bill that should be pushed forward. And it should be done without any more false motions.

A LITTLE TWINKLE. Our esteemed neighbor, the Star. contained the following editorial para-

graph last Monday evening: North Dakota will tarnish her new state hood by the passage of the bill chartering a lottery scheme. The State's finances may be in an embarrassed condition, bills for campaign expenses may press upon legislators, and farmers whose crops have falled may need provisions and seed wheat but the money should be raised in some other way. It will be better in the long run for the State to borrow, or even to beg

It is true this is not a very savage denouncement of lotteries, but it is perhaps as much as our neighbor felt that it could afford to say while it was publishing the advertisement of the same lottery company in another column. THE CRITIC agrees with the Star that "money should be raised in some other way." But THE CRITIC goes further and applies to itself and to other newspapers what the Star applies only to States when it says: "It will be better in the long run for the State to borrow or even to beg."

THE STORY OF A WORD. There is more history in words than there are words in history. If the story of every word in our language pernicious gambling enterprise, the could be told we should have little else in the realm of ideas to look for.

One can hardly open his dictionary at a place where there is not some word which, in the various shades of meaning through which it has passed, does not tell the tale of a nation's glory or a people's shame. For example, the word virtue, which to one people meant physical courage, suggested only the idea of artistic culture to another. To be a virtuous Roman one had to be a warlike Roman, but to be a virtuous Florentine one must be a lover and promoter of an art. So the word prude tells its story of French shame, for once it was applied only to the really modest

What is true of the past history of words in other lands is also true of the verbal history now being made in this. We have many words which, in the changes they are undergoing, are unerringly recording the trend of our national mind, whether upward o downward. The word spoils is a force ful example. Only a few years ago i signified the legitimate prize claimed and taken by the victor. This was what it meant when Andrew Jackson applied it, in his immortal phrase, to the public offices. Had he lived in the present day he doubtless would have found some other simile; for Old Hickory was not, after all, so free from politic expression as some of his admirers of to-day would have us think

he was. THE CRITIC does not believe in that worst form of pessimism which makes our dead fathers out to have been all pure and upright men while our living brothers are all unconscionable scoundrels. The world is not going to the bad at any such rate. But, as there was a time when war was prosecuted for a nobler end than plunder of the vanquished, so there doubtless was time when political strifes were based upon nobler causes than the greed for spoils. It was only when the politician became a professional spollsman-only when, like the camp follower, he went o war, not for a principle, but for its speils—that the word became a term expressive of reproach. It is gratify ing in the study of this word, however to note that while the existence of th spoilsman in our politics has given to the word the lower meaning that It now possesses, there still exists in the public mind that love of principles which makes the word an epithet of general opprointo his decisions somebody should

CONGRESSMAN SPINOLA says he neither knows nor cares unvilling about the lottery usiness one way or the other. Of course one swallow does not make a summer, bu when one Congressman says he does not know anything about lotteries it is a straw indicating the value of advertising in our steemed contemporaries.

MR. JOHN JACOB ASTOR and Mr. Beek man Borrowe had a dreadful misunderstanding at a Knickerbocker Club dance the other night. It appears that Mr. Boranybody else has, there was practically I rowe slipped into Mr. Astor's place in the

angry about it that he actually approached Mr. Borrowe and called him a real naughty young man. esteemed Four Hundred has ever since been rushing up and down trying to pre-vent a duel, and we are gratified to learn that at last the young men have been prevalled on to quit making faces at each other. These interruptions are so terribly taxing to the nerves of the diguified firs families that it might meet with popular approval if somebody would suggest that Digerent young men of their circle be set to sawing wood.

HAD THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, Instead spanking him, taken the fresh young Duke of Orleans on its knee, patted him kindly on he back and given him a real sugar plum, would have silenced the royalist faction much more effectively. This sort of magnanimity, which is really nothing but good sense and diplomacy, is so much harder to display than a glittering show of authority. To reinstate a subject who sues for elemency is not half so enjoyable as to sport a real royal prisoner of state.

IT IS PLEASING TO know that while the Indians at Devil's Lake, Dakota, are stary ing the Government is hurrying right on toward their relief. The Commissioner o Indian Affairs has sent all the papers in the case to Congress and Congress has sent them to a committee. Let us hope that the Indian can sustain himself by chewing the corner of his blanket until the committee can appoint a sub-committee to run out there next fall and look into the matter.

THE COMMITTEE On Experiment have at last perfected the man-killing electrical machines at Auburn prison. New York. The criminals now in waiting may fee fairly comfortable as to the open road to their reward, and a Christian world may congratulate itself on a still more agree able method of breaking the sixth com

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW hadn't a word to say when he was called on at the World's Fair meeting in New York night before last. Are we to understand that Channeev is so enthusiastic on this subject as to be THE HARMONY THAT exists in New York

on the question of the World's Fair could be cut up into dog fights enough to keep the sporting men of a continent busy until Columbus discovers this country again. THE CHICAGO BOOMERS affect to believe there is danger that the World's Fair will fall through. It may if it is placed on that

crust of ashes known as the Lake Front in Chicago. THE NEW YORK Sun insists that we must call 'em trousers, not pants. What, call those big, baggy, floppy things trousers! No, siree; if they are not pants they are

penties. WARNER MILLER may be outside the reastworks, but he is near enough to toss a hand grenade over every now and the and make the Platt men scramble.

IT IS AGAINST THE law to send explosive brough the mails, but we believe that law has never been enforced against the Cincin-

"PLEASE DON'T SAY you asked me' promises to go bumping down the cellar steps of Time as Speaker Reed's first epi

TWO WOMANLY WOMEN. One was perhaps 25, the other a little younger. They were pretty, and were stylishly dressed. A carriage stood at the Fourteenth-street entrance of Willard's Hotel, awaiting their pleasure. It could not be supposed that they were in very distressful financial straights.

They sat at a table in the reception-room of Willard's, devising, concocting and instituting a telegraphic message to send to some friend. The elder one did the writing and scratching and rewriting, which used up six or seven Western Union blanks. The younger one leaned closely over the scrivener and furnished suggestions at just the right time to make the scrivener tear up

"We will be there to-morrow." That was what they wanted to say. That was what they did say in the very first

"But," said the younger, "if we say we are coming home we shall both have to

"Carrie and I will be there to-morrow. That was the result of much mental effort spent in composing and much physical exertion spent in erasing. "I guess that will do," said the younger and the two seemed to breathe with that

freedom which tells of great responsibili ties unshouldered. "Hold on," said the elder, at the door. "What " asked the other.

"'Carrie and I will be there to-morrow One, two, three, four, five, six, seven-only seven words."

"Why, we have to pay as much for seven words as we do for ten. Here was more difficulty. It would never do to pay for ten words and send only seven. That would be a reckless and a wicked waste. They proposed many ways to lengthen it, but each time they talked off a new message on their fingers they found they had either too few or too many

words. "Pahaw!" said the younger one; "why didn't I think of it before. I have it." "Have you? Have you?"

"Why, of course. Leave it just as it is and add 'Yours, very truly." If the young lady had had an inspiration she could not have looked prouder of it; and as for the older one, she simply looked on the sweet face before her as that of a

wonderful being.
"Carrie and I will be there to morrow Yours, very truly," was the message that went through some operator's hands yesterdsy afternoon.

A GREAT MAN.

The most noted father of the House and Senate of the past was a man altogether forgotten now. His name was Nathaniel Macon, and Jefferson called him "the last of the Romans." He was a Democrat from North Carolins, and he had a political career of more than fifty-seven years. He resigned from the Senate when he was eighty years old, and died at eighty-nine. He was for forty years in Congress, and during the whole of his career he never recommended a relative to office.

PAID IN WIND.

The Vernon brass band gave Mr. D. A Turner a complimentary serenade last night his residence on West Wilbarger street. Mr. Turner was the first citizen to sub scribe to a fund to purchase instruments, and the band boys show their appreciation of his benevolence by this acrenade. Our band boys are men who appreciate those who assist them and are working to make the band a success,- Pernon (Texus)

MISLAID THE CORPSE. In a little village on the Upper Penobscot the monotony of a long winter was broken by the funeral of the year-old child of one of the church descans. The whole town poured out to the funeral services. They were ushered into the parlor, and there sat with an air of sorrowful expect

guests grew impatient. Pinally the deacon greated at the door. It face was long GAYETIES ON THE WANE as in said;

My friends, excuse this unseemly de lay. We have mislaid the corpse!"
After much trouble the object of their search was found. The little coffin had been placed on a table in the hall, where it had been forgotten by the bereaved family, and the guests as they entered had thrown off their wraps upon the table, and thus the oversight was caused. The corpse being found, the services proceeded.

AN ANOMALOUS SPECTACLE: The spectacle of a State which is so viruous that it enacts prohibition, and yet is to regardless of the opinion of mankind as to provide a harbor for the noterious Louisiana Lottery Company, is indeed the most anomalous spectacle that the world of politics and statesmanship has been permitted to witness in modern times:—Minneapolis Tribune.

SENATOR PIERCE'S LUCK. If North Dakota goes into the lotter business Senator GH Pierce should be careful how he invests in tickets. He should remember that he drew the short straw when the matter of long and short terms was being settled by means of the wheel of fortune run at the Capitol by worthy Sena-tor Hoar. - Chicago News.

SUITINGS FOR THE SWEET

Plain sultings are shown in whipcord diagonals, serges, faced cloths and other

There are also checks and plaids in dull, rich colors, which are illuminated by thread and hair lines of bright color. The "mouchoir dresses" introduced last winter are again imported in checks

with plain bands at the sides or plain with Challies are again imported in large and small flower designs, and in conven-

tionalized patterns somewhat less strag-gling in design than those of last season. The pointed Eiffel tower passementeries used on the bottom of dresses at present are shown again for spring,

wrought in embroidery on plain goods in shades of the same color and white. Large plaids in tartan colors will continue to be used, especially in the blue and green combinations, which have been worn all winter. There are also some large plaids in fancy colors combining mauve dahlia and the new aubergine or egg-plant shades in their make up.

As a rule, all suitings are made up in solid materials without combinations, though it is considered elegant to combi a fine pinhead check with a plaid having a checked ground. The large plaid in such a case is used for the front or for the un-derskirt, the fine check for the remainder of the costume.

CLEVER INVENTIONS

Hydraulic power, at a pressure of 750 pounds to the square inch, is now being conveyed about beneath the streets of London as steam is conveyed in this country. Herr Luders of Gorlitz has invented photographic apparatus, to be attached inside a man's hat, so that when he is facing a scene or a person he has only to pull a little string and instantly eatch a picture.

There is an admirable arrangement for quickly and safely emptying the house in use in the Tremont Theatre. Boston. By simply touching a button in any one of eight handy places in the theatre seventeen exits open, actuated by electricity.

A new calculating machine has just been invented in France, and obtained a gold medal at the exhibition. The inventor is M. Bollee of La Mans, a clever machinist, already very favorably known by other useful inventions. The machine does addition, multiplication and division with astonishing rapidity, and all by the turn of the wheel. M. Mascart recently gave an account of the invention before the Academy of Science.

FADS OF THE FASHIONABLE.

The latest fad for young ladies is to collect souvenir hairs from the mustachios of their gentlemen friends.

Umbrellas, parasols and canes are now made with match-boxes and smelling bottles inserted in the handles. Opera fans now have a tiny little

watch set in the outside stick. It is and set by an opening in the back. The favorite fad of the hour among Inxurious New York women is to have themselves rubbed all over several times a week after the bath with cocoa oil.

Night dresses worn by convalescing belles and dowagers are trimmed with natural flowers, rosebuds being first choice, and a fringe of purple violets and white byacinths next in demand. The garniture is woven by the florist, and pinued about the neck, front and shoulders with bouquet

A SUMMER IDYL. [Selected.]

It was a moonlit summer night, The heavens were drenohed with slive rain And frowning rose Katahdin's height

Above the murmuring woods of Maine. Close by our resting-place, a stream That seemed to long to kiss our feet Sang as it went some fairy theme Musical, low and incomplete.

The world was hushed, but nothing slent The cricket shrilled amid the sheaves: And through the mighty woods there crep The mystic utterances of leaves.

Never had moon-beams shone so bright. Never had earth seemed half so fair, I loved the stream, the trees, the night

The wondrous azure of the air. And through my very finger tips I felf the full enjoyment thrill I wished that I could with my lips

Kiss the sweet moon that crowned

Ah, why? Another moon I knew, Less luminous but all as fair, Above my shoulders shining throng A wondrous haze of golden hair.

Shining as once Diana shone Upon the boy through Ida's grove; Her stooping face, no longer wan, Flushed in the harvest-time of love

That grandly crowned the mountain crest And turning to my proper queen
I drew her down upon my breust.

Oh, Amy, said I, shine on me Through all my life, as that moon shines The light that softens and refines.

So mildly that my eyes may rest Untiring on your gentle face; Yet not so distant but my breast May be your sweetest resting-place. Bestow that sweet, attractive spell. That draws the sea toward the skies. And let my tide of being swell

And if some sullen cloud should sail Twist you and me in social space, Why, when 'tis gone I will inhale A sweeter influence from your face. Be changeful, too, like that sweet me Change is the law of earthly life,

And nature hums the varying tune She ruffled all her yellow hair, But answering not a single word; Velled in the dusky twilight air. She nestled to me like a bird:

And in that vague electric spark Felt only when cheek touches cheek I knew, through all the shadows dark. The promise that she did not speak.

When earth seemed drenched in si And frowning rose Katabdin's beight

MANY OF THE SEASONS' LAST RE-CEPTIONS BEING HELD.

The Wives of the Senators Will See Their Friends To-Day Several Teas This Evening Some Recent Notable Entertainments,

Most of the ladies of the Senatorial ircle will hold their usual receptions to day. Miss Sherrill gives a luncheon of twelve covers to day. Mrs. Howard G. White will give a tea this afternoon at the handsome residence of Senator Sawyer, on Ninteenth street. Mrs. Henderson will receive this afternoon at her home at the head of Sixteenth Mrs. Outerbridge Horsey will hold a large reception this evening

Mrs. Agnes C. Moore will hold her last formal reception at her residence 1752 M street northwest, to-morrow af ternoon from 3 to 6, assisted by her daughter, Miss Daisy Moore, Miss Clements and Miss O Neall of Indiana, Mrs. J. D. Farrar, Miss Twigge and Miss Madge Burke.

Mrs. Whitmer of 1307 P street has issued invitations for a breakfast on Saturday the 15th instant and a luncheon of twelve covers on the 18th, in honor of Mrs. Winthrop of West Point. Mrs. Frolck has issued cards for a tea

n Saturday next. Monday night was Illinois night at the pleasant home of Gen. and Mrs. Philip Sidney Post on Fifteenth street. A few friends from other states were present, but they all came to be pretty loyal Illnioisans before the evening was over. The time from 8 o'clock until midnight was consumed in social communion and the discussion of refreshments. Among the guests were Senator and Mrs. Cullom and Mrs. Hardy, Senator and Mrs. Cuilom and Mrs. Hardy, Representative and Mrs. Payson, Representative and Mrs. Rowell and Mr. Rowell, Representative and Mrs. Hopkins, Representative and Mrs. Hopkins, Representative and Mrs. Hopkins, Representative and Mrs. Lane, Representative and Mrs. Hill, Representative and Mrs. Smith, Representative Gest and Miss Gest, Colonel and Mrs. A. C. Matthews, General Green B. Raum, Hon. F. T. Dubois, Hon. and Mrs. W. R. Morrison, Hon. John R. Tanner and Miss Tanner, Col. and Mrs. J. M. Rice, Peoria, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Willis B. Hawkins, Representative and Mrs. Bowden and Miss Jones, General and Mrs. Dutton, Sycamore, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Worthy, Chicago; Major and Mrs. Bash and Miss Bash, the Misses Rouse, Peoria; Mrs. Wiswell, Mr. James Knox,

Peoria; Mrs. Wiswell, Mr. James Knox, State of Washington; the Misses Sweeny, New York: Dr. Sheldon M. Jackson, Alaska; Mrs. Daniel Shepard and Mr.

Mrs. Leiter entertained a party of specially invited guests yesterday morning at the second of a course of three talks on "European Politics," by Mrs. Rigby. The first of the series was held on Monday at the same hour, the subject of the talk being "Austria-Jungary." That of yesterday was 'Germany." while for Friday next the Hungary.' 'Eastern Question" will be discussed The guests, though specially invited each contributed \$3 for the course. The patronesses, in addition to the hostess, are Mrs Blaine, who was, of course, unable to be present; Mrs. Lee Akerman, Mrs. Michael Herbert and

Mrs. Edmunds. Mrs. Lyman Tiffany gave a tea yes terday afternoon to announce the debut of her third daughter, Margaret. The rooms on the first floor were beautifully decorated with flowers. The hostess was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Stanton of New York; Miss Helen Tiffany, Mrs. N. S. Lincoln, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Potts and Miss Elsie McKeever. In the tea room Miss Mar garet Tiffany presided, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Parker, and Miss Porter of New York. Among the guests were:

Mrs. Colonel Winthrop, Mrs. Hitt, General, Mrs. and Miss McKeever, Mr. and
Mrs. Lothrop Bradley and Mrs. J. D. Laughorne, Mrs. T. B. Musgrave of New York,
Mrs. Field, Mrs. and the Misses Condit.

Swith Mr Von Wunn De and Mrs. Kindle.

ith, Mr. Von Mumm, Dr. and Mrs. Kindle-Poor, Admiral and Mrs. Queen, Admiral and Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Howard White, Mrs. and Miss Batcheller, Miss Cramer of New York, General and Mrs. Greeley, Mrs. William E. Chandler, Mrs. Noble, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, and her sister

Mrs. Calderon Carlisle received the guests. The cotillion was danced by 100 couples, led by Lieutenant Buch-The favors consisted of square baskets, filled with jonquils, hya-cinths, tulips and flowers of every hue. Others were in the form of wicker slip tied with long bows, and pers, ends of parti-colered ribbon, and filled with smilax, lilles of filled with smilax, lilles of the valley and white Parma violets. These favors were artistically arranged as a border about the huge mirror, which occupied one end of the stage. The attendance included almost

every one prominent in social circles. Senator and Mrs. Stanford gave dinners yesterday. The decorations of the table were especially tasteful and elegant. The cloth was bordered with a wide insertion and edge of antique sce. At either end were large square of delicately tinted blue and pink satin embroidered with silver and finished with lace. The central ornament, in the form of a heavily wrought silver epergne, was filled with La France roses flanked by candelabra holding waxen tapers burning beneath flower shades. All over the cloth were scattered lilies in artistic confusion and cor-sage bouquets of roses tied with satin ribbon of the separate shades and the boutoniers of illies were placed at each plate. Covers were laid for sixteen. The guests included Surgeon-General and Mrs. Moore, Senator and Mrs. Cock rell, Colonel and Mrs. John Hay. Mr and Mrs. David McKee, Admiral and Mrs. Crosby, Senator Gibson, Mrs. Sen-ator Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Estel. of

Mrs. Reed, wife of the Speaker, held the last of her receptions yesterday at the Shoreham, assisted by Mrs. Bou-telle of Maine and Mrs. Wallace of New York. Mrs. Reed will be at home in formally during Lent. Mrs. Reed pos sesses that graciousness of manner so characteristic of her pred ecessor.

Mrs. W. W. Burdette and Miss Alice Burdette held their last formal recep-tion of the season yesterday at their residence on Vermont avenue. After greeting the hostess the guests were cared for in the tea room by Miss Beveridge, Miss Kauffman, Miss Truesdell and Miss Chapp: Mr. and Mrs. McKee, who left yester

day on Mr. Bateman's yacht, accompa-nied by Mrs. Dimmock, for a trip down the bay, will not return before the last of the week. Mr. J. W. Thompson and Miss Thompson are the host and hostess of the occasion. Mr. E. L. Gilmer and bride arrived the Libbitt House this morning.

They were married yesterday at the residence of the bride's parents, Hon. Themas B. and Mrs. Keogh of Greenboro', N. C. The Ebbitt will be their home for several days. The Buckingham was the scene of a brilliant gathering last night, the occaslon being as was first intended, the last german of the Ogeago Club of the season. But after an exciting debate Turkish language, and others are pre-paring to leave both the courts and the after supper on this subject it was de-cided to continue the germans through

wood led off with Miss Conger, and the figures were new and interesting.

A novel feature was the prize figure there being two prizes, one for a lady

and one for a gentleman, which were won by Miss Conger and Mr. Wooten won by Miss Conger and Mr. Wooten, respectively. Among those present were Mrs. Morris, Miss Sterret of Philadelphia, Miss Stone of Frederick, Miss Lewis of Richmond, Miss Leeds of New Orleans, and Misses Hardesty, Campbell, Du Hamel, Andrews, Strong, Schonp, Jones, Davis, Parker, and Messes, Friebus, Jr., McCormike, Mosher, Tousson, Winters, Von Glummer, Campbell, Hawkins, Brainard, French, Du Hamel, Hardesty, Dr. Rust, Wooten, Mayse, Darton and Breckinridge.

The closing one of the series of Three Assemblies was held last evening at the Rifles' Armory, which was beautified by numberless growing plants and flowers, the decorations having been in charge of Small, whose tast in such matters is perfect,

NOT A REAL MARRIAGE.

Mrs. Spell-McCres-Green Talks About

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—A reporter saw Mrs. Snell-McCrea-Green last evening

in her room on board the steamshi

seemed to treat the alleged marriage at

just before the vessel sailed.

Hampton as a joke. The circumstances of the marriage as she detailed them were similar to what have been published. Mrs. McCrea insisted that she did not look upon the ceremony as being "in earnest," She could not marry Mr. Green as he is already a married man. They intended to marry, how-ever, as soon as Mr. Green could secure a divorce from his present wife. She (Mrs. McCres) intended to sail for Paris, while Mr. Green would go to Savannah to arrange with his wife for a divorce, after which he would also go to Paris. Mrs. Green has left a record behind her. Her life is the tale of two cities -Chicago and New York-with the side romance of a winter resort thrown in. She has compressed into twentytwo years of life as much sensation could be crowded into that period of existence. She is the daughter Millionaire Snell, who was murdered in Chicago by the celebrated Tascott. In childhood she was precocious and her girlhood was spent in all manner of

She knew more about handling a horse than a problem in arithmetic, and could sail a boat better than speak the Queen's English, She married W. S. McCrea, the son of a wealthy man of Chicago, and dur-

ing the three years of married life she still preserved all the frivolity of her maiden days. She was known and ob-served in the parks, speeding behind a pair of blooded horses, and her figure and gorgeous dress were equally known on the promenade.

A child was born into it, and a divorce grew out of it. McCrea suffered himself to be accused of cruelty, and the child was awarded to the custody of the mother. About a year ago she came to New York, bringing her child with her, and began spending in lavish style the \$25,000 a year inheritance gained from her dead father's estate, Among her other diversions she began

When and how she met Green is not known, but that she obtained the mas-tery over him is evident from the recent

studying for the stage under Daniel

marriage at Fortress Monroe. Campbell Was Quick to Shoot, Alton, Ill., Feb. 13.—Tuesday night, about 12 o'clock, three tramps entered the ticket office of the Chicago and Alton Railroad at Godfrey, and at the point of a revolver demanded of Frank Campbell, the agent, all the money on hand. The agent parleyed with them until he got possession of his pistol. Before he could use it the leader of the tramps attempted to shoot him, but his revolver, where fire, and the but his revolver missed fire, and the the agent opened on them, driving them from the office. Shortly after this occurred three men reported at the police station here that they had been robbed \$50 by three other men while riding on a freight train between here and Godfrey. The police are now out after

the tramps. The Fugitive Montana Senators NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—A special from St. Paul to the *Tribune* says: "Two fu-gitive Democratic Senators from Montana arrived in St. Paul last night. They are Senators McNamara and C. W. Hoffman. They registered at the Ryan Hotel, and there they have remained since, faltering between the instructions of their party leaders to go to Canada, and the expostulations of their friends to remain where they are or return to their State and to their

places in the Senate." PORTLAND, ORE., Feb. 13.—Three Democratic Senators from Montana are now stopping in this city. Others are reported to be at Pendleton.

Murdered by Tonquin Pirates. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.-Advices by the steamer Gaelic say: A party of Europeans, consisting of the Messrs. Roque, two merchants of Haiphong: Captain F. Rose, and the Messra. Roques Compradore, have been captured by a band of pirates in Tonquin, and Captain Rose murdered. The party left Haiphong in a small steamer to visit some plantations owned by the The party landed, and bad proceeded but a short distance inland when they were surrounded by a an armed band and taken prisoners.

Two Serious Accidents. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 13.—John Fink, 45 years old, was instantly killed at Morse's lumber vard this morning while operating a gang saw. A piece of wood flew back, breaking his ribs and penetrating to the heart. Campen, N. J., Feb. 13.—An accident occurred on the Philadelphia Reading and Atlantic City Railroad at 10 o'clock this morning. Seven men, all Italians, were badly injured. They were employed in repairing the tracks

A Brace of Fires, KALAMAZOO, MICH., Feb. 13.—The Pratt & Co's, wagon and cart factory were damaged \$15,000 by fire this morn-

g. Fully insured. MARCELINE, Mo., Feb. 13.—The Palace Roller Flouring Mill, owned by White & Shupp, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$25,000, insurance \$14,-000. There was a large amount of wheat and flour stored in the mill.

Locked in an Ice Floe

DETROIT, MICH., Feb. 12 -A special the News from St. Ignace, Mich,

says: The big ice-crusher and ferry-boat St. Ignace was caught in an ice floe while crossing the straits Tuesday evening and is yet held in the ice. A report that a party of five passenger-tried to walk ashore on the ice and froze to death fails to be confirmed

Cretan Lawyers Give Up Business, ATHENS, Feb. 13 .- Advices from Crete state that many more judges and lawyers have resigned their judicial and legal functions, owing to the arbitrary order requiring legal proceedings in the courts to be conducted in the

Lent—that is, every three weeks. There were two favor tables inst night—one for ladies and one for the gentlemen—at which Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Parker but most gracefully presided, Mr. Black—it. Don't naws, naws, blow, spit and dis-quet everybody with your offensive breath, but use Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy and end it, 50 cents, by druggists.

SHYLOCKS AND CLERKS.

TEMPTATIONS WHICH BESET THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

Methods of the Ten-Percenters Interest and Compound Interest Accumulates Until the Employes Are Hopelessly in Debt.

The average department clerk when he first receives his appointment is usually in a state of mental equidis-tance between Iago's "Put money in thy purse" and the remark of that willy old courtier, Polonius, who impressed upon Lacrtes "Neither a borrower nor a lender be." But he does not remain in that condition long. He casts the advice of the philosophical Dane to the four winds of heaven and follows Iago's injunction to the letter.
In nine cases out of ten the aforesaid

clerk is not possessed of friends who are blessed with a surplus of shining silver, and he has no visible property save that which composes his wardand no glittering gems or precious metals to deposit as collateral the manand for the matter of that, the woman cither-who is in need of funds has cither—who is in need of funds has recourse to a broker. The Washington broker who belongs to the clerk-lending class is a fearful and wonder ful combination. Shylock couldn't hold a candle to him in point of graspingness; he not only demands his pound of flesh, but he drains all the financial blood out of his victims and in a short time owns them bedies and souls.

time owns them bodies and souls. There has been a continual warfare against this class of sharks for the past twenty-five years, but the city is still infested with them, and it is not exaggeration to say that at least one-fourth of the department clerks, who have held office for five years or more, are in their power. Some years ago it was customary for the disbursing officers of the various departments to accept, upon pay day, orders made out by clerks during the month, very much as army and navy officers new give their pay accounts, and, unfortunately, sometimes duplicate them. This practice was discontinued, however, because it was learned that the clerks were being gouged out of their earnings by the usurers who revelled in their blood-

money. Many instances occurred, especially in the Treasury Department, where a clerk would give an order on his salary for \$75 on the 20th of the month, payable on the 1st ultimo, which he would sell to a "broker" for \$50! This state of affairs brought the order system to a lose and the semi-monthly payments were begun. But the "ten-percenters" still con-

inued to thrive, and thrive they do to this day. Their modus operandi puts them outside of the pale of the law against usury in the District, and is as follows: An impecunious clerk needs money and he needs it badly. He con-fides his necessities to some friend who knows a broker and then all is plain ng. The clerk makes out his payable in thirty days, say \$100, bearing interest at 7 sailing. note. per cent. per annum. The broker gives the clerk \$90 and takes the paper. Of course, at the end of the month, when the note is due, in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred, the borrower is as hard up as ever. He accordingly makes out another note of the same sort, rakes together \$10.60, and visits the broker again. This goes on month after month, until the principal is paid over and over again and still remains as

large and threatening as ever. The ten-percenters claim, on their side, that they are compelled to charge exorbitant rates on account of the num ber of bad clients they have who never pay their notes. They know this is not true, for it is a well-recognized rule in all departments that a clerk who does not pay his debts must arrange to do so or give up the official ghost. And most of the Shylocks have influential hint to make the recalcitrant clerk ap-

pear at the captain's office and pay up.

The class of "brokers" alluded to comprise all conditions and colors of mankind. One of them, prominent in the business, is a Southern ex-Congress man, and another successful one, who is the particular friend of the clerks of the Postoffice, Interior Department and Pen-sion Office, is a colored man of aristoeratic appearance and Berry Wall attire. They are as numerous as the leaves in Vallambrosa, but not so green by a very large majority. And they wax fat and prosperous while their victims wear 4th of July coats on the 8th of January and have to shave the bottoms of their

trousers in order to preserve a semidecent appearance at office.

Not only are the United States Government clerks prey for these parasites that infest the body financial, but the District Government employes know them, too; and the members of the police force in many instances are com-pelled to give up large slices of their salaries in order to meet sudden do-mestic demands. Even the day laborers, who do not receive at the outside more than \$40 per month, are considered good picking by the "brokers"—in fact, everything is fish that comes to their

A great many of the laborers canno write their own names, and since the District employes are now being paid by check instead of in hard cash some Shylocks, it is said, charge them a heavy discount by having their cross-mark witnessed and cashing their checks.

"There seems to be no remedy for this state of affairs," said a disbursing officer yesterday, "as long as men are improvident, and as long as sudden financial necessities arise in the affairs of more careful persons these alleged brokers will flourish and grow fat."

NEVADA IS FIRM

The Lottery Company Will Not Try to Invade That State. Carson, Nev., Feb. 13,-So far asknown there is no basis in fact for the eport that the Louisiana Lottery, beaten n Dakota, will now seek to gain a foot hold in Nevada. The Louisiana Lottery has never attempted to secure a fool hold here. When the last legislature met in 1888 the lottery put money into the fight to beat the introduction of the lottery scheme in Nevada, its object being to shut out opposition lotteries. This is as much as the Louisiana com-pany has tried to control Nevada on

the lottery question thus far. STILLWATER, MINN., Feb. 13 .- The general discussion which has been going n regarding the attempt to ingraft the Louisiana Lottery upon North Dakota has driven C. F. Bergstrom crazy. He imagines he has drawn two prizes o \$3,000 and \$4,000 respectively, and i making a desperate effort to get his bogus tickets eashed.

SUCCESSFULLY PRESENTED.

Arminius" Rendered by the Choral Society Before a Large Audience. "Arminius," the oratorio by Ma: Bruch, which has been so successful in New York, was presented last night the Choral Society at Music Hall. the large audience were Vice President Morton, Mr. Justice Harlan, Professor John Philip Sousa and Miss Marie

The chorus of 150 voices and the orchestra of forty pieces, under the di-rection of Mr. H. C. Sherman, contained a large number of local artists,

and reflected great credit upon the society. The choruses were all executed with force and precision. The soloists from New York and Boston are not

new to Washington audiences.

The part of the Priestess of Woden was sung by Miss Gertrude Edmands of Boston in excellent voice and with marked distinctness. Mr. W. H. Lawton of New York sang the part of Signatured. His voice, though not Siegmund, His voice, though not beavy, is well trained, and especially though not adapted to light passages. Mr. George Prehn of New York as Arminius re-ceived the heartiest reception from the audience. His voice is remarkable for volume. His lowest notes were all distinct and pure. Even when the large chorus was singing he could be easily

heard above the rest.
It is gratifying that the Choral Society should present so successful a con-cert at the opening of the season, and we shall look forward with much interest to the second concert in March when a miscellaneous programme will be presented, and also to the closing one in May, at which will be sung

COLONEL BEAN'S MILLIONS,

A Tennessee Woman Appears Who Claims to be His Sister. BONHAM, TEXAS, Feb. 13.-There is now in this city a woman named Danna, from Tennessee, who claims to be a sister of the late Thomas C. Bean, to whose millions there have been so many claimants. Mrs. Danna claims that his name of Bean was assumed, and that his real name was Thomas Bean Sanders. He stabbed a man in Tennessee years ago, and fled to Texas for refuge. J. W. Sanders of Lamar County is also a claimant on the ground that he is a brother of Bean.

The Seventh Street Cable. The work on the new cable road, although not progressing as rapidly as the managers of the Washington and Georgetown Street Railway Company wish, is near completion. The surface of the road, with the exception of a few blocks between Virginia avenue and E street southwest, is finished. One of the greatest difficulties will be the moving of the enormous cable from the depot on Maryland avenue to the en-gine-room at the foot of Seventh street. Mr. Knox, who has the contract for moving this monster cell, which weighs over forty tons, is at present suffering from the grip, and as it will most likely have to be rolled to the building on valuable cylinders, which are likely to be damaged unless extraordinary care is taken, Mr. Knox wants to superintend the work in person. At his office they say, however, that they are willing to begin when the car company is ready.

Family Troubles. Ex-Inspector of Streets Wm. J. Mar ray was fined \$20 to day for an assault on his wife. Mrs. Murray had a blackened eye and held a curly haired child by the hand when she took the witness stand and told the judge the story of her life for the past four years. She said that life to her had been a living hell during that time and she would never again live with her hus

Murray said he would agree to leave town if his personal bonds were taken. but the judge answered that he would not agree to anything of that kind and fined him \$20.
"Will you let me kiss my child good by," he asked. The Court did not object, but the

mother did and she took the child by the hand and hurried out of the room.

But the child was brought back and Murray kissed it, brushed a tear from his eye and went down to the cells. Fiendish Attempt at Assassination. PAWPAW, MICH., Feb. 13.—A fiend-ish attempt to assasinate Dr. Marvin Fosdick was made Tuesday night at his home in Almena, ten miles from here. The Doctor is 60 years old and a bachelor. He was sitting at a table in his report of two gunshots rang out. The window was completely shattered and Dr. Fosdick fell to the floor apparently The only occupant of the nouse with him was the hired man, who was in an adjoining room, and as soon as the shots were fired he ran to Fosdick's side and found that both charges had entered his employer's neck and shoul-ders. It was hardly thought possible

for him to recover, but he was still alive last night. Officers are at work on the case, but have not yet found a clue. Police Court Briefs. John Francis was sent to jail for sixty days for an assault on his wife, Emma Francis. Also sixty days for

assaulting Officer Daley.

William De Neale was charged to day with the larceny of a gold watch and chain, valued at \$110, from R. T. Power. The case was sent to the grand jury in \$200 bonds. Arthur Chrismond was sent to jail for six months to day for the larceny of a quantity of clothing.

Thomas Lee, an 11 year old colored

boy, was sentenced to the Reform School to-day. He stole \$1.20 from Lydia Johnson, his employer. The Behring Sea Fisheries Question. OTTAWA, ONT., Feb. 13 .- In Parliament last night Sir John McDonald said he discredited the report telegraphed from Washington, that the United States Government had decided to strengthen the fleet of cruisers in Behrng Sea, and to use more stringent measures during the coming season to keep Canadian scalers out of those waters. Negotiations were in progress which he had every reason for believ-ing would result in a satisfactory solu-

tion of the Behring Sea question very Death of the Famous Stallion Homer. BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The fa-mous stailion Homer, owned by the Messrs, Jewett, died yesterday at their stock farm in this county of an internal complaint. Homer was sired by Mambrino Patchen. His death was announced at the National Association banque last at evening and a toast in his honor was drunk in silence.

Chicago Criminal Notes. Chicago, Feb. 13.—Robert Henderson, who shot Miss Hattie Hind last night, expired early this morning. The young woman is also reported to be very

The first jour jurors to try the jury bribing case were sworn in at 11 o'clock this morning.

Mary Washington's Grave Again New York, Feb. 13.—A special to the World from Fredericksburg, Va., says: "The Mary Washington monument litigation, which occasioned a ludicrous court scene several weeks ago, is now the cause of another disagreement, in which opposing counsel figure. The controversey is between St. George R. Frizhingh and Colonel Robert Washington, and is over a state. Robert Washington, and is over a state-ment made by Fitzhingh and denied by Washington. Colonel Washington is out of town, but a serious difficulty is feared,"

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